

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I believe the massive media consolidation that has taken place over the last six years has led to an unhealthy decline in civic knowledge and participation. Americans are simply being fed the same pro-consumer message from the handful of conglomerates who own the outlets and benefit from their unchallenged presentation of the issues.

Our citizens deserve a more balanced expression of views in the media and more locally owned outlets that focus on the community instead of the bottom line.